Bristow, Joseph L. 1914

[United States Senate,
Ctte. on Cuban Relations]

JOSEPH L. BRISTOW, KANS., CHAIRMAN.
WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH, MICH.
GEORGE SUTHERLAND, UTAH.
WILLIAM S. WEST, GA.
FRANK S. WHITE, ALA.
FAY N. BEATON, CLERK.

United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON CUBAN RELATIONS.

Washington, July 31,1914.

The American Numismatic Company,

156th Street,

New York City.

My dear Sirs:--

I have in my possession a silver medal with a medallion of George III on one side and the British coat of arms on the other. It was obtained by a friend of mine, Mr. A. Mardis, of Sylvia, Kansas, as indicated in a letter from him which reads as follows:

> I inclose herein an old medal found with other trinkets in a cave in the Wichita Mountains by a squaw man--it seemed to be a burying place for some Indian chief. I can get an affidavit from the finder as to the condition when found. He lives in the Choctaw Nation near Aylesworth, Okla. I purchased it from him a few months ago while looking up some Indian lands. It might seem valuable to some of George III's people--and I want to sell it. Can you have it looked up?

Mr. T. T. Belote, Assistant Curator of History in the National Museum, reports on the medal as follows:

> This specimen is a silver medal of the type presented by the British government to Indian chiefs in token of peace and friendship and also in recognition of services rendered the British cause during the war of the Revolution.

I am requested to inquire as to the commercial value of this medal. Will you kindly advise me, and greatly oblige,

Yours very truly,

Jos. L. Bristow

r

August 1st, 1914.

Hon. Joseph L. Bristow,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of July 31st has just been received. The information that you have regarding the silver medal is correct.

The commercial value of the medals depends largely on their condition. There are several varieties and two or more sizes. A very fine specimen of the largest size, three inches in diameter, brought thirty five dollars in a recent sale in New York. I should say that these medals would sell from twenty dollars up. I could not, of course, give an opinion regarding the value of a particular specimen without seeing it. If you care to send the medal to me, I will be glad to tell you what I can about it.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

JOSEPH L. BRISTOW, KANS., CHAIRMAN.
WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH, MICH.
GEORGE SUTHERLAND, UTAH.
WILLIAM S. WEST, GA.
FRANK S. WHITE, ALA.
FAY H. BEATON, CLERK.

United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON CUBAN RELATIONS.

Washington, August 24,1914.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, at 156th St.,
New York City.

My dear Sirs:--

Referring to yours of the 1st instant in regard to the Silver Indian Peace Medal belonging to Mr. A. Mardis, Sylvia, Kansas, Mr. Mardis believes that he ought to have $100 for the medal, and if you care to examine it with a view to giving that amount or something approximating that amount I would be glad to send it to you for examination.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Joseph L. Bristow

r

August 25th, 1914.

Hon. Joseph L. Bristow,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of August 24th regarding the silver Indian medal belonging to Mr. A. Mardis has just been received.

In my opinion there is but one variety of the Canadian Indian medals that is worth as much as one hundred dollars, and that is entirely different from the one described in your letter of July 31st. As regards this Society purchasing the medal, it would seem hardly worth while to send it on with that end in view, as we would only purchase it in case it was a variety different from any in our collection, and in any event we would not give an amount approximating one hundred dollars for it.

With kind regards, believe me,

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

GEORGIUS III DEI GRATIA

HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE
DIEU ET MON DROIT

JOSEPH L. BRISTOW, KANS., CHAIRMAN.
WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH, MICH.
GEORGE SUTHERLAND, UTAH.
WILLIAM S. WEST, GA.
FRANK S. WHITE, ALA.
FAY N. SEATON, CLERK.

United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON CUBAN RELATIONS.

Washington. Sept. 22, 1914.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, at 156th, St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sirs:

I inclose full size photographs of an Indian Peace medal belonging to Mr. A. Mardis, Sylvia, Kansas, and shall appreciate your best offer to purchase the medal. Please return the photographs in case you do not care to purchase the medal.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Joseph L. Bristow

F

September 24th, 1914.

Hon. Joseph L. Bristow,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

I have your letter of September 22nd and the photographs of the Indian medal of George III.

The best offer that this Society could make for this medal would be twenty five dollars. It is one of the varieties that is most commonly met with, and judging by the photograph is very considerably worn. Should you care to accept this offer, the medal can be sent to me at the above address, otherwise if you will kindly advise me, I will return the photographs to you.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.